Kochi Metro Rail

2593. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for Kochi Metro Rail Project;

(b) if so, whether any agency had been entrusted for implementation of the project;

(c) if so, the details of project report, if any, submitted by the above agency;

(d) if so, the present status of the above project report;

(e) if so, the details of approval, if any, required and granted to the above project by Competent Authority of his Ministry;

(f) if so, the reasons in detail for delay, if any, on granting approval for the project; and

(g) the details of financial and other support granted to the above project, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (g) Does not arise. However, Government of Kerala got a Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared through Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). The DPR has recommended the construction of an Elevated Light Metro system in Kochi over a length of 25.3 km between Alwaye and Petta at an estimated cost of Rs. 1966 crores (updated cost Rs.3008 crores).

The State Government has been advised to first explore the viability gap funding option under the scheme of Ministry of Finance, Government of India, for support to Public Private partnership in Infrastructure.

The State Government has not so far re-submitted the proposal after inviting open competitive bidding as advised by the Central Government.

Improvement of Kitchens in Government flats

2594. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received requests from the residents of Type I quarters of H Block, Kali Bari, New Delhi regarding improvements in built-up kitchen;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) by when the said work would be started and completed so that the residents of the area are benefited by the improved kitchen?